

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Eduardo Chi Sing et al.

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For: "Improved System and Method for Facilitating
Hemostasis with an Absorbable Sponge"

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

These documents were included in a third-party protest filed by Dr. Binshyang Song. Applicants are submitting these documents in the event that Dr. Song's protest is dismissed for failing to meet the formal requirements under 37 CFR 1.291, thereby to ensure that the documents are fully considered and made of record in the application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Copies of the references on the PTO/SB/08 are provided as necessary.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an

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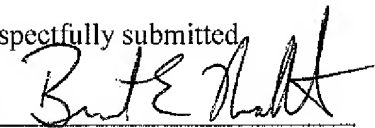
It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No 50-3629.

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